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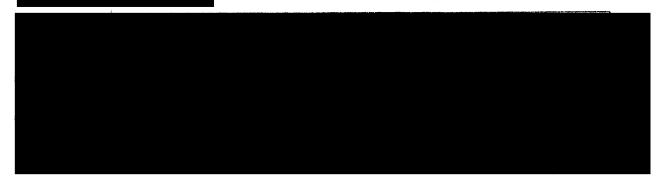
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The following rail traffic and other activity were observed on the Soviet side of the Soviet-Iranian border between 18 and 20 December 1950.

#### 1. Pol Dasht

19-20 December

Rail Traffic

Mesthound, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: 7 trains made up of 30 passenger cars, 17 tank cars, 26 cars carrying lumber, 57 closed cars, 2 carloads of trucks, 6 of lime, and 3 of sand.

Eastbound, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: 7 trains at night.

Westbound, Dzhulfa to Naknichevan: 8 trains composed of 33 passenger cars, 38 tank cars, 98 closed cars, 4 carloads of iron, 10 of wood, 21 of trucks, 4 of jeeps, 12 of sand, and 5 of timber.

Eastbound, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: 2 trains composed of 39 passenger cars.

### 2. Dzhulfa

18 December 1500-1630

hours

Target practice and military maneuvers were carried on opposite Shah Abasi (not located).

An iron watch tower is under construction opposite the Iranian border post of Kalissa Kharabeh (not located).

18-19 December

hail Traffic

East and westbound, between Ordubad, Dzhulfa, and Nakhichevan: 2 trains composed of 28 passenger cars and 2 roofed cars.

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18-19 December

Rail Traffic, cont'd

Westhound, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: 3 trains composed of 63 roofed cars, 44 tank cars, 2 locomotives, 75 gondolas loaded with 10 automobiles, lumber, coal, and white earth.

Westbound, Ordubad to Dzhulfa: 3 trains composed of 41 roofed cars, 15 tank cars, 1 passenger car, 30 gondola cars loaded with 10 trucks, lumber, and wood.

Eastbound, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: one locomotive,

night

East and westbound between Ordubad, Dzhulfa, and Nakhichevan: 18 trains

Recently rail traffic has increased during the night.

#### 3. Sia Rud

18 December

Rail Traffic

Eastbound, Dzhulfa to Baku: 2 trains composed of 45 freight cars, 42 covered cars, 13 passenger cars, and 3 gondolas carrying 4 automobiles.

Westbound, Baku to Dzhulfa: 3 trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 52 freight cars, 17 covered cars, 13 tank cars, and 22 gondolas carrying 10 trucks.

19 December

Mestbound, Baku to Dzhulfa: 2 trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 37 freight cars, 18 covered cars, 3 tank cars, and 16 gondolas carrying wooden posts.

Eastbound, Dzhulfa to Baku: 1 train made up of 15 passenger cars and 2 locemotives.

#### 4. Khuda Afarin

18 December

hail Traffic

westbound, Baku to Dzhulfa: 1 train composed of 1 freight car, 4 tank cars, and 14 gondolas carrying 2 trucks, coal, and wood.

Eastbound, Dzhulfs to Baku: 3 trains composed of 48 freight cars, 14 passenger cars, 20 tank cars, and 36 gondolas carrying instruments and tools

19 December

Eastbound, Dzhulfa to Baku: 5 trains composed of 84 freight cars, 13 tank cars, 15 gondolas carrying wood, 13 passenger cars, and 13 gondolas.

#### 5. Namin

18 December

One truck arrived at the Kalus post from Kalus village (not located) and then went toward Gaduk (38-35N, 48-20E). One truck went from Fargi-Kandi (not located) toward Qishlag (38-43N, 48-20E).

1400 hours

A white rocket was fired at the Qishlag post.

There was routine patrol activity in this sector.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

19 December

There was routine activity.

#### 6, Astara

18419 December

hoad Traffic

North and southbound between Lenkoran and Astara: 7 jeeps, 2 ambulances, 1 motorcycle, 28 trucks carrying 14 officers, 75 armed and 70 unarmed soldiers, foodstuffs, cartridge boxes, and lumber; 2 officers on horseback, and 2 groups of armed soldiers on foot.

East and westbound between Astara and Masjed Mahalleh: 2 jeeps, 1 bus, 25 trucks and 22 carts carrying 6 officers, 244 armed and 80 unarmed soldiers, 43 civilians, and some wood; 25 armed soldiers on foot, and 36 armed soldier on horseback.

East and westbound between Masjed Mahalleh and the last border post under observation to the west: 1 jeep, 2 ambulances, 2 motorcycles, 21 trucks and 16 carts carrying 12 officers, 25 armed and 25 unarmed soldiers, 67 civilians, some cartridge boxes and kerosene tins; 4 officers on horseback, and a group of unarmed soldiers on foot.

Search lights were active.

14 rockets (white, green, and red) were fired at the Rudkinar post.

20 December

Road Traffic

North and southbound between Lenkoran and Astera: 2 jeeps, 1 ambulance, 17 trucks carrying 23 armed and 47 unarmed soldiers, kerbsene drums, cartridge boxes and bags; 2 officers on horseback, 5 civilians, and a group of armed troops on foot.

Westbound, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: 1 jeep, 13 trucks and 2 carts carrying 2 officers, 73 armed and 38 unarmed soldiers, 31 civilians, and telecommunication equipment.

East and westbound between kasjed Mahalleh and the last western border post under observation: 5 trucks and 13 carts carrying 1 officer, 52 armed soldiers, and 33 civilians; 12 armed soldiers on horseback, and a group of armed soldiers on foot.

17 boats fished off Astara.

1500 hours

5 rockets (green and white) were fired at Rudkinar.

25X1A Comment: This is possibly a variation of the post in the Namin sector previously reported as Kalvaz, Kalvaz, and Kalvar.

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